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SUBJ: CAPE VERDE: ASSISTANT SECRETARY EASUM'S CONVERSATION WITH
GUINEA-BISSAU FOREIGN MINISTER

REF: STATE 211765

1. DR. FERRO RIBEIRO, RECENTLY ACTING GOVERNOR GENERAL HERE,
WHO IS MESTICO PORTUGUESE CIVIL SERVANT FROM CAPE VERDE (HIGHLY
INTELLIGENT AND EXPERIENCED), GAVE ME FOLLOWING COMMENTS DURING
CALL SOME WEEKS AGO. WE DISCUSSED ATTITUDE OF CABO VERDEANS TO-
WARD VARIOUS OPTIONS IN CASE OF A REFERENDUM. FERRO RIBEIRO WAS
CONVINCED THAT IN A GENUINELY FREE REFERENDUM FAIRLY LARGE
MAJORITY OF CABO VERDEANS (OF WHOM ALMOST 80 PCT ARE MESTICO)
WOULD OPT FOR INDEPENDENCE, ESPECIALLY IF PORTUGUESE INDICATED
CONTINUING ECONOMIC SUPPORT. AN UNDETERMINED MINORITY WOULD
OPT TO REMAIN PART OF PORTUGAL. FEW, HE THOUGHT, WOULD WANT
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UNION WITH GUINEA-BISSAU.

2. COMMENT: IF DEPARTMENT WISHES TO SUPPLEMENT INFORMATION AVAILABLE CONCERNING ATTITUDES OF CABO VERDEANS, SUGGEST DISCUSSING MATTER WITH PROFESSOR FRANCIS ROGERS, DEPARTMENT OF ROMANCE LANGUAGES, HARVARD UNIVERSITY. WHILE PROFESSOR ROGER'S POLITICAL VIEWS ON PORTUGUESE POLITICS ARE OFTEN SUBJECTIVE AND EMOTIONAL, HE IS A REAL EXPERT ON THE PORTUGUESE ISLANDERS, WITH WHOM HE IS IN CONSTANT CONTACT AND ABOUT WHOM HE IS CURRENTLY FINISHING A BOOK. (I BELIEVE ROGERS IS ALSO INFORMED ON PAIGC ACTIVITIES IN CABO VERDE.) CONTACT WOULD BEST BE MADE BY DIRFE IN BOSTON AREA, NOT BY TELEPHONE. HIS VIEWS COULD BE COMPARED WITH OTHER INFORMATION WE HAVE.

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